

WE CLAIM:

1. A method of configuring an integrated circuit that includes programmable logic circuitry, said method comprising:

programming said programmable logic circuitry to function as communications port circuitry;

establishing a connection between the integrated circuit and an external source of data for use in configuring the programmable logic circuitry;

transferring data from said external source to said integrated circuit using said connection; and

using transferred data to configure the programmable logic circuitry.